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**WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO.** WV250-6-5

**SUBJECT:** FNM - Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS)  
Annual Conference.

Purpose: To advise employees of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual Conference.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2006.

The 2006 Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual Conference will be held in Keystone, Colorado, July 22-26, 2006. The areas of special emphasis for the 2006 conference include:

- Water use and management - Learning to live with limits;
- The science of targeting - Getting the right practices implemented in the right places and at the right time;
- Conservation and the 2007 farm bill - Presentations highlighting key issues and recommendations for reform regarding the conservation provision of the U.S. farm bill.

NRCS encourages attendance and participation by employees in career related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism. The SWCS is conducting the training conference to enhance the awareness and improve the level of education and professional development of employees.

The following attendance categories may receive approval consideration by their supervisor on "government time and expense" basis:

- o Presenting a topical paper or an agenda fulfillment
- o Regional Chapter Officers and Executive Board Members
- o Chairperson / Member of the National or Regional Committee / Task Force
- o Member of the Chief's staff
- o Those receiving an award, citation, or commendation
- o Training / people who receive training

Other employees may submit their name for consideration to go on official government time but expenses will be paid by the employee.

All participants will be responsible for making their individual hotel reservations. The deadline for making room reservations is Thursday, June 15, 2006. A block of rooms has been reserved under SWCS at the Keystone Resort & Conference Center, Financial Plaza at Union Square, 22010 U.S. Highway 6, Keystone, Colorado 80228. For reservations call 1-800-258-0437.

Any employee interested in attending this conference should submit their name for consideration through their supervisor. Nominations must include the employee's name, location, position and justification for attending the conference. These nominations should be faxed to Mary Spardy by May 26, 2006.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ronald Bricker, Budget Officer at (304) 284-7554.

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